

Grant awardees and amounts are:

- Benson, \$41,389;
- Kinston, \$200,000;
- Goldsboro, \$200,000;
- Burnsville, \$200,000;
- Highlands, \$200,000;
- Sylva, \$47,382; and
- Newton, \$80,830.

2011 Main Street Solutions Fund Grant Awardees & Project Descriptions

Benson

Awardees: Town of Benson, Benson Small Town Main Street Committee and Nails and Co. Nail Salon

Name of Project: Finding Your Way to Downtown Benson

Description of Project: The Town of Benson is proposing to complete the installation of a comprehensive wayfinding system for downtown and to support the renovation of the Market Street private improvement project and the expansion of Nails and Co. Nail Salon, an existing business that plans to add a second hair styling chair and pedicure services. These funds will support the retention and creation of 3 permanent full-time jobs associated with the business. A second phase (non-MSSF funded) of this project will include two upper story apartments, making this building the first mixed-use building in Downtown Benson. In addition, the wayfinding system that will be implemented in association with this project will retain an additional 3 full-time Town of Benson positions.

Kinston

Awardees: City of Kinston, PRIDE of Kinston, Hill Realty, LLC, Miami Bistro

Name of Project: The Miller Furniture Restoration Project

Description of Project: The proposed project will renovate two downtown properties, 212 North Queen Street and 108 West North Street. Phase 1, which Main Street Solutions will partially fund, will develop space for Hill Realty, property developers, and a Miami style bistro. A second phase will renovate space for two retailers and two offices. The first phase of this project will create a minimum of 8 permanent full-time jobs, plus construction jobs.

Goldsboro

Awardees: City of Goldsboro, Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation, Arts Council of Wayne County, Lotus 1899, Grimes, Darwin Properties

Name of Project: Arts Downtown!

Description of Project: The Main Street Solutions Fund application seeks funds to renovate 102 N. John Street in downtown Goldsboro. The proposed project is a complete façade renovation that will benefit three businesses and a partial interior renovation on the first and second floors of